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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Attached is a completed form PTO-1449 and copies of the pertinent parts of the references cited thereon. Following are comments on any non-English-language references pursuant to Rule 98.

The 1st **Aichi** device # 404,338,891 monitors vehicle speed data in order to make a distinction between an accident in forward running and that during a backward running and displays the results on a CRT.

The 2nd **Aichi** device #404,302,077 records operational data on various aspects of vehicle operation that can be later analyzed.

Denshi #402039294 is a recorder that analyzes and gives safe driving guidance.

The **Sharp** device # 363,016,223 concentrates on recording the revolution speed of the engine and uses a magnetic tape to record the information.

None of these devices correlates the vehicle identification, real time, and vehicle direction as does the present invention. Nor does any of these devices contain an internal power source or provide for on scene access to the recorded information .

Very respectfully ,

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